GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH <u>A B S T R A C T</u>

Public Servants – Sericulture Department – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri R.S.Sanjeeva Reddy, Ex-Inspector of Sericulture and presently Assistant Director of Sericulture, Vizianagaram for non clearance of dues to seed area while working at F1 Grainage, Rayachoti – Implementation of A.P.Administrative Tribunal orders – Further action totally dropped – Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 314

Dated: 10-03-2010
Read the following:-

- 1. Procgs.No.6003/1997-B1, dt.21-10-1997 of CoS, Hyderabad.
- 2. From A.P.A.T. Order dt.31-03-2003 in O.A.No.10182/2002.
- 3. G.O.Ms.No.54, Agri. & Coop.(Vig.II)Dept., dt.17-02-2004.
- 4. G.O.Ms.No.201, Agri. & Coop.(Vig.II)Dept., dt.07-09-2006.
- 5. Govt.Memo No.10782/Vig.II(2)/2003-26, dt.14-09-2006
- 6. G.O.Rt.No.411, Agri. & Coop.(Vig.II)Dept., dt.31-03-2009.
- 7. From A.P.A.T. order dt.19-10-2009 in O.A.No.5952/2009.

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ORDER:

In this disciplinary case, the Commissioner of Sericulture, Hyderabad concluded disciplinary proceedings by giving a 'Warning" to Sri R.S.Sanjeeva Reddy, Ex-Inspector of Sericulture and presently Assistant Director of Sericulture, Vizianagaram, since he remitted the entire amount of Rs.2,81,325/- into Government account vide reference 1st read above.

- 2. The A.P. Administrative Tribunal in its order dt.31-03-2003 in O.A.No.10182/2002 filed by Sri S. Venkataramana, Inspector of Sericulture directed, inter alia, to pass orders which shall be in uniformity with the orders already passed in respect of similarly situated persons.
- 3. In the light of above A.P. Administrative Tribunal orders and in exercise of powers conferred under Rule 43 of A.P.C.S.(CCA)Rules, 1991, Government took up revision of the penalty orders issued by the Director of Sericulture, Hyderabad against (24) individuals, whose cases are similarly situated and issued necessary orders accordingly. Sri R.S.Sanjeeva Reddy, Ex-Inspector of Sericulture and presently Assistant Director of Sericulture, Vizianagaram is one among the above (24) individuals.
- 4. In respect of Sri R.S.Sanjeeva Reddy, Ex-Inspector of Sericulture, Government observed that the delay in remittance is only for a short period. However, subsequently the amount was fully paid. It was due to the then prevailing situation of lack of demand of DFLs and the practice of credit sales in vogue. This delay in remittance cannot be treated as a major lapse. However, he cannot be let off with a warning, which is not a penalty and he is liable for imposition of a penalty. As penalty may not be imposed without conducting a regular inquiry, Government appointed Sri B. Chandrasekhar, Joint Director(M), O/o Commissioner of Sericulture, Hyderabad as Inquiry Officer to conduct a regular inquiry into the charges framed against Sri R.S.Sanjeeva Reddy, Ex-Inspector of Sericulture and presently Assistant Director of Sericulture, Vizianagaram vide reference 6th read above.
- 5. Aggrieved by the above, Sri R.S.Sanjeeva Reddy, Assistant Director of Sericulture has approached the A.P. Administrative Tribunal and filed an O.A.No.5952/2009.
- 6. The A.P. Administrative Tribunal in its order dt.19-10-2009, in O.A.No.5952/2009 have ordered as follows:-
 - "....In the GOMs.No.54, dt.17-02-2004, the respondents have shown the names of (10) Inspectors of Sericulture against whom revision of orders of punishments are being looked into. The applicant's name does not figure among those (10) Inspectors. But the applicant's name is sown at S.No.13 of the Annexure. In the said Annexure, there is no entry with regard to the Charge Memo. reference and Date, against the name of the applicant. But there are Charge Memos. referred against the names of some of the other Inspectors in this Annexure. The Tribunal has held in O.A.No.10182/2002 as upheld by the High Court, that there shall be uniformity in respect of the orders passed in the case of similarly situated persons, irrespective of rank. The applicant's case was examined and a warning was issued 12 years back, which is now being re-examined without meritorious cause and only in consequence of the orders of the Tribunal.

Keeping all the facts and circumstances of the case and in mind and in view of the emphatic judgments of the Supreme Court, I have no hesitation to hold that the impugned GORt.No.411, A&C Dept., dt.31-3-2009 is liable to be set aside and is accordingly set aside. The O.A. is accordingly allowed".

- 7. Government have examined the entire matter carefully. It has finally decided to implement the order dt.19-10-2009 of A.P. Administrative Tribunal in O.A.No.5952/2009. Therefore, orders issued in the reference 6th read above relating to the departmental inquiry under revision against Sri R.S.Sanjeeva Reddy, Ex-Inspector of Sericulture and presently Assistant Director of Sericulture, Vizianagaram are set aside. Moreover, Government have also decided to drop any further action against him.
- 8. Accordingly, Government hereby set aside the orders issued in the reference 6th read above for the departmental inquiry under revision against Sri R.S.Sanjeeva Reddy, Ex-Inspector of Sericulture and presently Assistant Director of Sericulture, Vizianagaram and drop any further action whatsoever against him.
- 9. The Commissioner of Sericulture, A.P., Hyderabad shall take necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

A.K. GOEL A.P.C. & SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, ATM

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Sri R.S.Sanjeeva Reddy, Ex-Inspector of Sericulture and Presently Assistant Director of Sericulture, Vizianagaram (Through: The Commissioner of Sericulture, A.P., Hyderabad)

Copy to:-

The Commissioner of Sericulture, A.P., Hyderabad.

Sri B. Chandrasekhar, Joint Director(M) & Inquiry Officer, O/o Commissioner of Sericulture, Hyderabad and

Sri K.S. Papi Reddy, Assistant Director of Sericulture & Presenting Officer,

Rayachoti

(Through: The Commissioner of Sericulture, A.P., Hyderabad)

Sc/Sf.

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER